

This session, we are asking lawmakers to support

TRANSFORMATIONAL FUNDING FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

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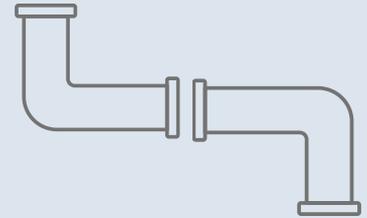
OUR PRIORITIES

\$299 million in bonding for Public Facilities Authority grant and loan programs:

- \$150 million for Point Source Implementation Grant Program (PSIG)
 - Remove the current \$7 million cap
- \$100 million for the Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF)
 - Increase the cap to lessor of \$7 million or \$25,000 per hookup
- \$49 million for state match for federal funds
- Create technical assistance program

As well as \$80 million in General Fund requests:

- \$75 million per biennium for PSIG
- \$5 million per biennium for technical assistance grants



\$12.3 BILLION

The estimated amount needed over the next 20 years to keep up with drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs statewide, according to the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

If the Legislature fails to adequately fund water infrastructure programs:



Environmental concerns will persist.



Sewer and water rates will skyrocket as cities struggle to pay for these projects.



Aging and failing infrastructure will continue to deteriorate, resulting in emergency situations and the need for costly immediate repairs.



Economic growth will suffer.



Construction costs will increase as projects are delayed.



Potential for drinking water safety risks.

Unlike in the metro area, cities in Greater MN have fewer residents and businesses to split the cost of water and wastewater facility repairs and maintenance.

A high percentage of sewer and wastewater treatment systems are near the end of their expected useful life.

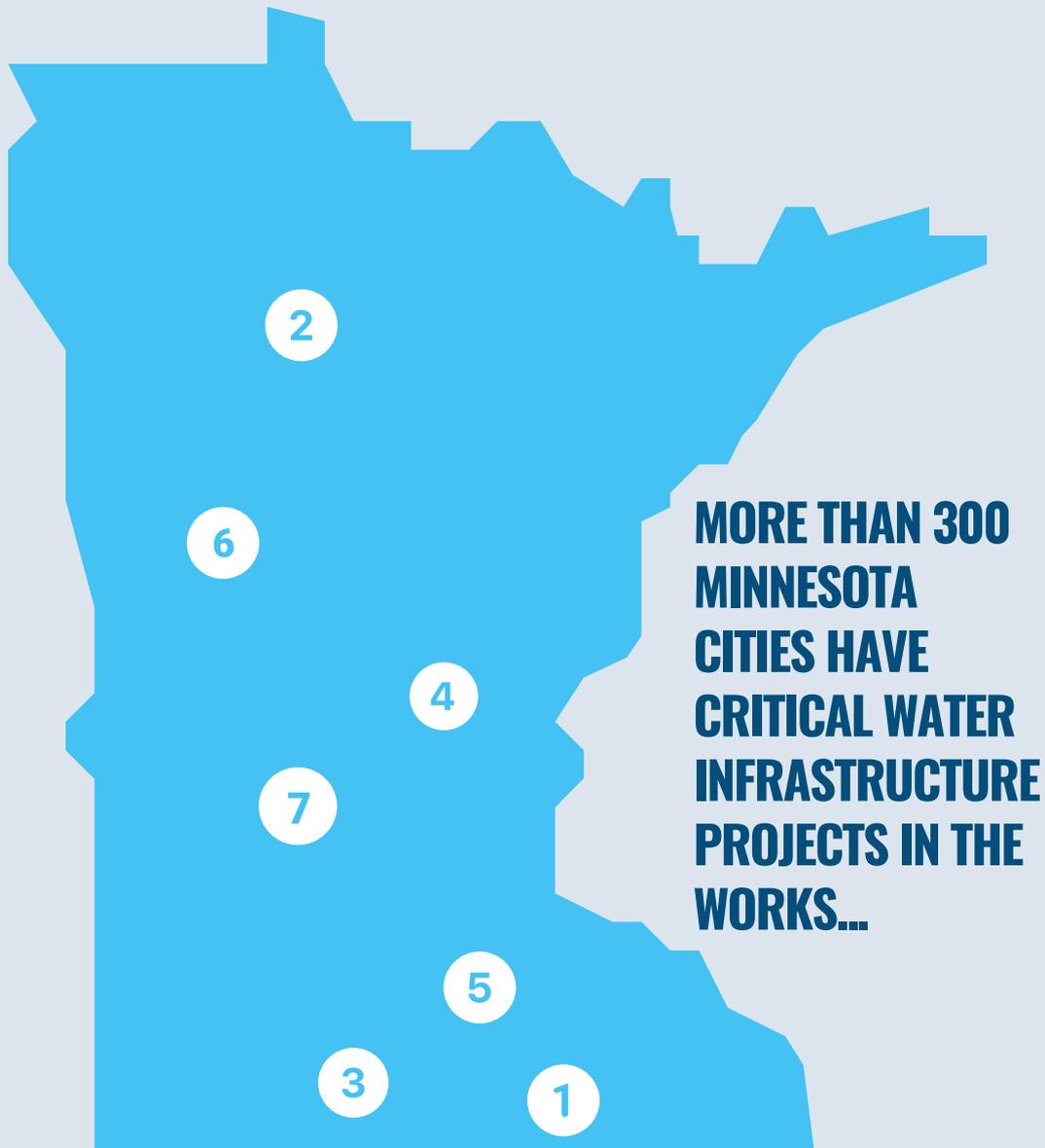


Due to the numerous recent additions to the list of projects, the total projected statewide 20-year future wastewater infrastructure need increased by **22%** between 2019 and 2021.

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... INCLUDING THESE PROJECTS CURRENTLY AWAITING FUNDING:

- 1 Austin - \$86.2M total project cost**
Upgrade the wastewater treatment facility to reduce phosphorus and improve treatment reliability
- 2 Bagley - \$13.6M total project cost**
Replace and upgrade sewer and water mains, treatment facilities, storage tanks, and related facilities
- 3 Fairmont - \$19.7M total project cost**
Complete facility upgrades and meet phosphorus regulations prior to discharge into Center Creek and eventually the Minnesota River
- 4 Foley - \$19.4M total project cost**
Replace and upgrade sewer and water mains, treatment facilities, storage tanks, and related facilities
- 5 Mankato - \$43.3M total project cost**
Plant upgrade to remove more phosphorus and other nutrients from effluent before it reaches the Minnesota River and Lake Pepin
- 6 Perham - \$1.27M total project cost**
Project to reconstruct failing water infrastructure in neighborhood with older housing stock
- 7 Willmar - \$21.1M total project cost**
Upgrade water treatment plant to remove manganese, which can harm brain development, and other problematic minerals